

Amendments to the Drawings:

Seven formal drawing sheets are submitted with this Amendment in compliance with the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review mailed January 2, 2004. These formal drawing sheets, which include FIGS. 1-6, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-6. The formal drawings sheets correct informalities in the drawings. In particular, informalities have been corrected for FIGS. 1-3, and 4A. In FIG. 3, pencil marks that reference element "42" have been replaced by black ink. Accordingly, the reference characters of FIG. 3 are now plain and legible.

Additionally, copy machine marks have been removed from FIGS. 1 and 3. Finally, the margins have been corrected for FIGS. 4A and 4B.

Attachments: 7 Replacement Sheets.

Remarks

By the present Amendment, Claims 37, 38, 42, 43, 47, 48, 53, 57, 58, 61, and 62 remain pending. Claims 1-36, 39-41, 44-46, 49-52, 52-56, 59-60 and 63 were previously cancelled. Claims 38, 43, 47, 48 and 53-54 have been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the present application.

The present Amendment includes formal drawings for the present application, as requested by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review mailed January 2, 2004. Seven formal drawing sheets are attached as an Appendix to the present Amendment. These formal drawing sheets, which include FIGS. 1-6, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-6. The formal drawings sheets correct informalities in the drawings. In particular, informalities have been corrected for FIGS. 1-3, and 4A. In FIG. 3, pencil marks that reference element "42" have been replaced by black ink. Accordingly, the reference characters of FIG. 3 are now plain and legible. Additionally, copy machine marks have been removed from FIGS. 1 and 3. Finally, the margins have been corrected for FIGS. 4A and 4B. The Applicants respectfully assert that FIGS. 1-6 are now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84.

The present Amendment additionally corrects minor errors in Claims 38, 43, 47, 48, and 53-54. In particular, Claim 47 is the only independent claim amended herein, and the amendment made to Claim 47 corrects a misspelled word. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new issues of patentability are raised by these amendments. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the entry of the present Amendment prior to the issuance of the present application.

Conclusion

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

If there are any issues which can be resolved by telephone conference or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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APPENDIX